

I have been concerned for some time about the increased consolidation of the media in this country. The dangers of consolidation are amply illustrated by this week's report that Sinclair Broadcasting is ordering all of its stations to preempt their regular programming two weeks before the election in order to show what amounts to a 45-minute prime-time campaign commercial for George Bush.

Sinclair Broadcasting is supposed to be serving the "public interest" and the needs of our communities. Instead, Sinclair is acting in blatant violation of the spirit of democracy by serving the interests of one political constituency.

I am opposed to the licensing of any station that follows Sinclair's orders. Moreover, I feel that Sinclair's strong-arm tactics demonstrate the need for a firmer stance against media consolidation and a more stringent license renewal process.

Thank you.